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Morocco:* draft resolution

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"National and international cooperation for social development: implementation of the social objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

"*The Economic and Social Council*,

"*Recalling* the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

"*Recalling also* the United Nations Millennium Declaration[1] of 8 September 2000 and the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development of 16 September 2002,[2]

"*Recalling further* its resolution 56/218 of 21 December 2001, by which it established the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s to conduct, during the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly, the final review and appraisal of the New Agenda and related initiatives on the basis of the report of the

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2, annex.

[2] General Assembly resolution 57/2.

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Secretary-General on the independent high-level quality evaluation, as well as on the basis of proposals by the Secretary-General on the modalities of the future engagement of the United Nations with the New Partnership for Africa's Development and its resolution 56/508 of 27 June 2002,

"*Reaffirming* the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development of 30 September 2002 and its resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development",

"*Welcoming* the adoption of the chapter entitled 'Sustainable development for Africa' in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,[3]

"*Cognizant* of the link between the priorities of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in which the international community committed itself to addressing the special needs of Africa, and of the need to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including those set out in the Millennium Declaration, in particular those relating to the realization of the fight for development,

"*Bearing in mind* the reports of the Secretary-General of 20 June 1995[4] and 12 June 2001,[5] respectively, submitted to high-level segments of the Economic and Social Council devoted to the consideration of the development of Africa,

"*Bearing in mind also* that, while the primary responsibility for the development of Africa remains with African countries, the international community has a stake in it and in supporting the efforts of those countries in that regard,

"*Underlining* that international cooperation based on a spirit of partnership and solidarity among all countries contributes to create an enabling environment so as to achieve the goals of social development,

"*Recognizing also* the urgent need to continue to assist African countries in their efforts to diversify their economies,

"1. *Emphasizes* that economic development, social development and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually reinforcing components of sustainable development;

"2. *Recognizes* that while social development is primarily the responsibility of Governments, international cooperation and assistance is essential for the full achievement of that goal;

"3. *Reaffirms* the need to strengthen, inter alia, in a spirit of partnership, international, regional and subregional cooperation for social development and implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for

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[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August to 4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[4] E/1995/81.

[5] E/2001/83.

Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world";

"4. *Reaffirms also* the need for effective partnership and cooperation between Governments and the relevant actors of civil society for the achievement of social development;

"5. *Welcomes* the New Partnership for Africa's Development as a programme of the African Union that embodies the vision and commitment of all African Governments and peoples for peace and development;

"6. *Stresses* the need for renewed and political will at the national, regional and international levels to invest in people and their well-being to achieve the objectives of social development;

"7. *Emphasizes* that democracy, respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, transparent and accountable governance, and administration in all sectors of society, as well as effective participation by civil society, are among the indispensable foundations for the realization of social and people-centred sustainable development;

"8. *Emphasizes also* the objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development to eradicate poverty in Africa and to place African countries, both individually and collectively, on a path of sustainable growth and development and thus halt the marginalization of Africa in the global process;

"9. *Underlines* the need for effective partnership and cooperation between Governments and the relevant actors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, in the implementation of and follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration[6] and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development[7] and the Further initiatives for social development,[8] and the need for ensuring, in the framework of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, their involvement in the planning, elaboration, implementation and evaluation of social policies at the national, regional and international levels;

"10. *Welcomes* with appreciation actions already under way at the regional level to organize the activities of the United Nations system around thematic clusters covering the priority areas of the Partnership, and in that regard urges the strengthening of that process as a means of enhancing the coordinated response of the United Nations system in support of the Partnership;

"11. *Stresses*, in that context, the vital need for the United Nations to achieve the development objectives and targets of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] and in particular emphasizes the pressing issue of the right to development and its mainstreaming in the development activities of the United Nations;

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[6] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[7] Ibid., annex II.

[8] Resolution S-24/2, annex.

"12. *Encourages* the Special Adviser on Africa in implementing his mandate of coordinating and guiding the preparation of reports of the United Nations Secretariat related to Africa, and welcomes the decision to transfer the resources of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries to the Adviser;

"13. *Urges* the international community and the United Nations system to organize support for African countries in accordance with the principles, objectives and priorities of the New Partnership for Africa's Development in the new spirit of partnership;

"14. *Requests* the international financial institutions to ensure that their support for Africa is compatible with the principles, objectives and priorities of the Partnership;

"15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, as part of the review of the further implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, a report on the extent of cooperation and partnerships, particularly the New Partnership for Africa's Development, at the national, regional and international levels, and to continue ensuring close cooperation and coordination with the General Secretariat of the African Union concerning the contributions of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

"16. *Urges* the United Nations system, in coordinating its activities at the national, regional and global levels, to foster a coherent response, including through close collaboration with bilateral donors in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development in response to the needs of individual countries within the larger framework of the Partnership;

"17. *Welcomes* the decision of the General Assembly to invite the Economic and Social Council, pursuant to its role in respect of system-wide coordination, to consider how to support the objectives of the present resolution;

"18. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, in his efforts to harmonize current and bilateral initiatives on Africa, to ensure that the United Nations and its special agencies, programmes and funds work in a coordinated manner;

"19. *Decides* to give specific consideration to including the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development in its future priority themes (2004: 'Improving public sector effectiveness'; 2005: 'Review of the further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly'; 2006: 'Review of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)';

"20. *Decides also* to bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council during consideration of the item on the New Partnership for Africa's Development at their next sessions."